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## **Senate Majority Leader Sikkema Issues Statement on Merit Scholarship**

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**Lansing** - Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, issued the following statement today after it was erroneously reported in the Detroit Free Press that the governor and state Senate leaders have reached a compromise on changing the Merit Scholarship program:

"Today's news report claiming the governor and Senate leaders have reached a compromise on revising the Merit Scholarship program is incorrect. I am unaware of reaching any compromise with the administration. I'd like someone - anyone - to please tell me which 'Senate leaders' reached this supposed compromise. Until I agree to any deals, this is nothing more than wishful thinking on the part of the governor's public relations machine."

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